

The Wrong Crush by Ashkan Shajari

Vocab	Meaning
Invalidate	To be in the space where another person is
Sprinkler	An equipment used for scattering water on grass
Sneaking away	To go away from a place
Masses	People
Best man	The man who helps the bridegroom at a wedding
Breather	Rest
Overwhelming	Having a great effect on you that you feel confused
Agony	A very unpleasant experience
Break up	To stop a relationship or marriage
Insane	Crazy or stupid
Divorce	The legal ending of a marriage
Drain out	To flow or move out of something
Hit it off	If two people hit it off, they like each other and become friendly as soon as they meet
Flirt	To behave towards s.one in a way that shows that you are sexually attracted to them
Charm	To attract s.one and make them like you
Maintain	Continue

Josh: Great idea...That's a good...um...spot...maybe to take it all.

Wow I'm so sorry I just completely invaded your space. I'm really sorry.

Lily: No, no, it's ok. everywhere else looked wet. cause of the sprinklers. They came on or something.

Josh: Here is the best spot. Josh. Nice to meet you.

Lily: I'm Lily. Nice to meet you too.

Josh: It's a wonderful wedding

Lily: Yeah it really is. All the trees, decorations and people. That's great.

Josh: What side of the family you're on with?

Lily: I actually came as a plus-one with my friend Jess, and it's her cousin's wedding.

Josh: Got it.

Lily: You have no idea who I'm talking about.

Josh: Nope.

Lily: It doesn't matter at all. Basically, I came as a plus-one with Jess, and now I can't find her, and I don't know anyone else. So, tell me what's your excuse for sneaking away from the masses?

Josh: I've done the best man's duties, and I came here to take a little breather. You know I'm sort of in the opposite position you're in, which is I know too many people here.

Lily: Imagine that could get a little overwhelming.

Josh: I told myself that I was gonna be social and meet people but then, I end up staring at my phone seriously

like any time there is a moment of silence I just go straight for my phone. It's terrible. I have problems. Look at you! You haven't checked your phone since I sat down.

Lily: I'm trying to be better about it, and my phones gonna die like in 10 minutes.

Josh: This is gonna be an agony. Huh?

Lily: No, I'm good. It's ok.

Josh: I didn't see you in the dance floor. Did you dance?

Lily: No, I was actually watching you.

Josh: Oh really?!

Lily: Yeah. You were dancing really nice.

Josh: Thank you. You know John didn't ask anyone. He picked me up, and we went to the dance him and I. We were standing there and making fun of all the couples or talking about how much better off we are. Eventually there was a girl, first love, and that was the whole deal.

Josh: It's funny. She's here actually.

Lily: Your ex?! Where? Which one? show me.

Josh: Do you see the one in the white dress?

Lily: Yeah. Wait! What?!

Josh: mmm yeah.

Lily: Your best friend married your ex-girlfriend? Are you kidding me?!

Josh: I know it sounds weird.

Lily: I Have so many questions. Like, how long did you guys break up? Um, Sorry to ask.

Josh: No, it's ok. Well, we've been together for five years, and we broke up six months ago.

Lily: Oh my god! This is insane!

Josh: I don't know just sort of things happened for them. I guess right after us.

Lily: I feel you can let yourself just not feel okay about it.

I wanna tell you something. I used to be married, and I tried to get a divorce. The problem is that my ex doesn't sign the divorce papers so, I'm kinda stuck.

Josh: Why? What is his reason?

Lily: He basically kinda wants to keep going, but I don't. So He won't budge.

Josh: We're both kinda alone in a situation. Ummmm

Lily: Say it.

Josh: Do you wanna know what the weirdest part is?

Lily: Yeah tell me. Please.

Josh: She and I had conversations about tonight. Like specific, what it would be like and what we'd be wearing and the music. This is it. I mean that's the dress. Now I'm sitting here and for a split second, I'll forget this isn't mine. Then, I'll see them dancing together, and I'm like, who is that guy?!

Lily: You know what? I don't really see you guys together at all.

Josh: Really?!

Lily: Yeah, cause if she loved you, she would never leave you.

Josh: Is that Jess sending you message?

Lily: Nope. It's my boyfriend. I forgot to text him back.

Josh: Oh, cool.

Lily: Oh my god! Wow! your face, like the life just drained out of you.

Josh: No. No. That's. it's.

Lily: I just thought it would be funny. I'm sorry.

Josh: It's ok. I'm good. You're talking with someone and you're hitting it off.

Lily: Yeah. Right. Are we hitting it off?

Josh: I never actually said that out loud before. Hitting it off just means that we are enjoying each other's company.

Lily: We get along. And it does not mean that we're flirting.

Josh: No, when I'm flirting, it's much more charming. There's a great deal of natural charm.

Lily: I read that when people are flirting, they touch each other for no reason. There's unnecessary touching.

Josh: Hey lily, do you wanna dance?

Lily: Oh! Yes, I do.

How do you maintain a friendship when you feel like someone is lying, even if you have no logical reason to think so?

Josh: Want some coffee?

Simon: Yeah. I need some.

So that was the story of your new girlfriend. Right? I think she wanted to get rid of loneliness.

Vocab	Meaning
Abusive	Using cruel or physical violence
Attribute	To believe that a situation is caused by something
Tricky	Clever or crafty
Peace out	Goodbye
My heart Sank (past form of sink)	Used to express a feeling of sudden sadness
Panic	A sudden strong feeling of fear or nervousness
Freaked out	Having a confused feeling
Embrace	Hug
Far-fetched	Unlikely to be true

Josh: She changed in a weird way. There were a lot of times, I would get a strange feeling that something was wrong. She had some psychological problems brought on by a horrible and abusive childhood. So, I attributed most of her problems to that.

Simon: Is she hiding something?

Josh: I'm completely confused.

Simon: Man, I have an idea. A tricky one. Just make a fake account and message her ex. This way you can find out anything you want about her.

Josh: So, mmm then...

Simon: Listen man. Here's what you gonna do. Just pretend like you are a concerned friend of someone and ask him if his wife was trying to divorce him or anything like that.

Josh: Well, I think it's gonna work. I'll do it right now.

Simon: Just be cool. I gotta take care of my mom.

Josh: Ok. Thank you. Peace out.

Simon: See you.

Josh: Come on. Come on. Take the call. Come on.

Simon: Hey what up?

Josh: I did just what you told me. He had no idea what I was talking about. He said they were still married and as far as he knew she hadn't tried to do anything like that.

Simon: What the?! Really?!

Josh: My heart sank. I went into a bit of a panic and freaked out.

Simon: Did you ask him for proof? like text conversations, pictures, that sort of stuff.

Josh: He sent some good evidence to me. Including a picture of the two of them embracing together for a picture celebrating their 6th anniversary about a month ago. She had sent me the same picture that day but with him cropped out of it.

Simon: Oh God! This is far-fetched!

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